

**City of Bloomington
Telecommunications Council
Business Meeting – May 1, 2012**

**Common Council Chambers
City Hall at the Showers Building
401 N. Morton St.**

I. Members Present: Eric Ost, Carl Zager, Duane Busick & Thom Gillespie (New Member)

II. Public Comment

Lennon Beasley

*Produced 67 programs for April

*In the last eight years of work, Lennon has produced 1832 programs.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Carl motioned to accept the April minutes. Motion was seconded by Duane. Eric had several corrections:

- The word You-tube is not spelled U-tube.
- In the CATS report, section 2 the sitting should be spelled setting.
- In the New Business section, the word you should be changed to your, and after the comma the statement should read "be aware of the billing statements margin notes."

Duane called for the question, all were in favor.

IV. Reports and Announcements

1. Telecom Members:

Thom (Introduction)

Looks forward to serving on the Telecommunications Council. Doesn't know as much about the nuts and bolts of how telecommunications works, but is more interested in what comes across the wires and is broadcasted.

Eric (Report) –

- Pleased that Thom has join the council.
- We still have one vacant seat on the council for anyone wanting to apply please contact the city.
- Another meeting with Representative Matt Pierce, and another member of the common council. It was very productive and useful information was exchanged.
- Looking forward to moving ahead with our charter revisions.

2. CATS report – Michael White

*Monthly programming

*Summer Reading Program

Duane – Likes the diversity of the monthly programming

Eric – Before we were receiving year-to-date totals and that hasn't been on these last reports. I'll have to go back in the notes and provide more information on what I'm looking for.

Michael – Whatever numbers you need can be added.

Eric – Were these all the governmental meetings. The total reads 35, but I only count 32.

Michael – I will pass that information onto Adam Stillwell who puts the reports together.

Eric – What does the number adjacent to each meeting mean?

Michael – It means how many meetings or programs were covered.

Eric – We seem to have less detail in these reports, but I appreciate more detail the better.

Michael – We've streamlined the report because some of the information wasn't changing. There were numbers that didn't mean anything to most people, so those types of things were streamlined out.

Carl – Near the end of the report, you mentioned fiber related equipment that dove tails the City of Bloomington, and CATS equipment. Tell us a little about how that affects the viewer at home. Is what you are doing going to deliver a different quality at home?

Michael – The changes we are making will do that. Everything has been traveling over coax cable for many years. This fiber convenience will help us to deliver HD.

Carl – I wonder if we could start looking at getting some information periodically on how patrons are coming in and learning how to use video equipment?

Thom – Has CATS ever done screen-casting workshops for the public? Tutorials on using open source software. Also, are the PEG channels classified in anyway? Can I search for certain types of programs?

Michael – It's not online yet. You can always call and we will do our best to find what you are looking for.

Thom – Have you ever approached the library school for interns who could specifically do the cataloging for you?

Michael – Great idea!

Michael – As far as training the public, you should meet Jason Radke who is in charge of that. Jason could come in and explain how all of that works.

Carl – Maybe there is a need for a series of programs on how to use the video equipment.

Duane – Getting everything closed captioning would take care of all the problems. It would allow for searching, classifying, and cataloging meetings and programs.

Michael – It is getting more affordable as far as PEG list serve it is still pretty pricey; \$50 an hour. Some can be done with software but software has to be tweaked. It's a person that is hired to do transcribe in real time. AT&T U-verse does not allow for PEG close captioning.

Eric – Returning to the question on fiber infer-structure, since it is going to the telecom hotel, you mentioned using a coax cable with Comcast. How is Smithville getting the PEG channels?

Michael – The connection is at the telecom hotel. I don't know what box or cable is used to relay.

Eric – The equipment you're adding will sit on either end of the existing fiber.

Michael – It will allow for conveyance of live meetings from the city, and county that goes to the telecom hotel, then to the library where things are switched up.

Eric – Wouldn't change how Comcast customers are getting their feed?

Michael – No

3. WTIU – No Report

V. Information from or about Video Service Provider – No Report

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VII. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting

June 5th, 2012

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